

REMARKS

Claims 15-18 are rejected. Applicants note with appreciation claims 1-14 are indicated as allowed. Applicants amend claim 15 and asserts that no new matter is added herein as amendments to claim are supported, for example, by Figure 2 and paragraphs 19 and 21 of the Application as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 15- 18 as amended in view of at least the following remarks.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejects claims 15-18 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,880,493 issued to Lockhart, Jr. (Lockhart). It is axiomatic that to be anticipated every limitation of a claim must be disclosed in a single reference.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection above and submit that independent claim 15, as amended, is patentable over the cited reference for at least the reason that the reference does not disclose electrically connecting and attaching conductive terminals between the capacitor and the IC package, as required by amended claim 15.

Lockhart discloses pins 15 attaching package 11 to terminal posts 19 of PCB 13. In turn posts 19 are connected to leads 35 on the bottom side or the side of socket 17 that is away from unit 11 (see Figures 1 and 2; column 2 lines 32-42; and column 3 lines 16-22 of Lockhart).

However, the Patent Office has not identified and Applicants are unable to find any teaching or suggestion in Lockhart of electrically connecting and attaching conductive terminals between the capacitor and the IC package, as required by amended claim 15. Specifically, Lockhart does not show or disclose terminals between package 11 and socket 17. Hence, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

Any dependent claims not mentioned above are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given above in support of their base claims.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Patent Office has indicated that claims 1-14 are allowed over the prior art of record.

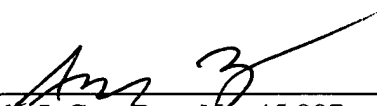
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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